

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BANGALORE

Dated this the 5th day of June, 1998

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE T.N. VALLINAYAGAM

WRIT PETITION No. 16268 of 1998

Between:

M. Manjunath,
Proprietor, Venkateshwara
Express, N.M.C. Ist Cross,
Badravathi.

.. Petitioner.

(By Sri B.R.S. Gupta, Adv.)

And;

1. The Regional Transport
Authority, Shimoga,
by its Secretary.
2. The Secretary,
Regional Transport
Authority, Shimoga.

.. Respondents.

(By Sri R.K. Hatti, H.C.G.P.)

This writ petition filed under Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution, praying for a direction to direct the second respondent to fix the timings in respect of permit granted under Subject No. 85/93-94, dt. 12-1-1996.

. This petition coming on for preliminary hearing this day, the Court made the following:

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The Government Pleader takes notice for the respondents.

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2. I am really surprised to note that despite permission being granted on 12-1-1996, the timings have not been assigned for the reasons wonderfully known to the authorities. No reasons, much less, specific reasons are made available for such delay on the part of the Administrative machinery. Whether they were aware of their statutory duties and they want to take proceedings lightly is not known. They are directed to act with vigilance and perform their duty without any flaw or delay. Delay in such matters will definitely prejudice the parties concerned. I am obliged to make an observation that if a delay is caused then the concerned officer will be liable personally to pay the damages to the parties concerned, if the delay is not properly and reasonably explained.

2. In this view, the officers concerned are directed to fix the timings within one month from the date of receipt of the copy of the order and report such compliance to this Court through the Government Pleader.

3. Writ petition is accordingly ordered.

Sd/-
JUDGE

